

Torrance, California
June 13, 1947

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Friday, June 13, 1947 at 7:55 p.m.

Mayor Sherfey called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. Absent: Councilmen: Gilbert.

This being an adjourned meeting, the regular order of business was dispensed with.

A communication was read from the Standard Oil Company of California, supplemental to their gasoline bid of June 10, 1947, offering to sell and install suitable underground storage tanks, gasoline pumps and necessary equipment. The cost to install this equipment would be paid off at the rate of one cent per gallon for each gallon of gasoline delivered until the total purchase price has been paid.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the communication be referred to the Council for study; action thereon to be taken at the next regular meeting. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Civil Service Board advising that Ralph Hoerr, Caretaker at the City Dump, whose employment had been reduced to half time due to economy measures, has protested such action to the Board, maintaining that his seniority of ten years with the City entitles him to full-time employment. The letter explained that Mr. Hoerr will be eligible for retirement as soon as the new retirement plan becomes effective and also because of his physical incapacities, he can only perform light work. In view of these facts the Civil Service Board recommends that Mr. Hoerr be given half-time employment in the Park Department, or some other department, in addition to his duties as Caretaker at the City Dump.

After some discussion on the length of time an employee will be required to work after the retirement system becomes effective, and whether the Superintendent of the Park Department would be agreeable to putting on an additional man, Councilman Powell moved that the entire matter be referred to the Council and City Attorney for consideration and action at the next meeting, and in the meantime ascertain from the Park Superintendent if Mr. Hoerr can be employed in that Department. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from N. E. Black advising that the Manager of the Torrance Municipal Airport had served him with Notice to Vacate not later than June 13th. He explained this was impossible in view of the amount of equipment and tools he had and requested the Council for sufficient time to remove his property.

At 8:00 p.m. Mayor Sherfey declared a recess in order to consider this request. The meeting reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the City Clerk be instructed to notify Mr. Black to remove his equipment and vacate the premises by Monday, June 16th, and that he is to remove his airplanes by the first of July. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Sherfey moved that a meeting be held Wednesday, June 18, 1947, at 7:30 p.m., with representatives of water companies serving the City of Torrance, for the purpose of discussing the collection of garbage collection fees with their water bills. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

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Councilman Powell read a communication, addressed to Chief Stroh, from Willard R. Barnett, advising that he had been selected by the California Highway Patrol for duties as a patrolman, and tendered his resignation effective June 14, 1947.

Councilman Powell read a communication, addressed to Chief Stroh, from Special Agent J. M. Ritchie of the office of Attorney General Fred N. Howser, calling a meeting of the Chiefs of Police in Zone 9, June 25, 1947 at 10:00 a.m., to be held at Police Headquarters, Avalon, California, and inviting Chief Stroh to attend.

Councilman Powell moved that Chief Stroh be authorized to attend the meeting of the Chiefs of Police to be held June 25th, with expenses paid. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Chief Stroh offered the following suggestion in connection with the training of new personnel for his department. He explained that under the California State Police Officers' Association the Federal Bureau of Investigation has set up a Rookie school to take care of small communities who hire one or two men at a time, and who are not able to put them through a training course. He said the F.B.I. has volunteered to train a class for two weeks in Los Angeles, at no expense to the cities. Chief Stroh explained that although the city would be without the service of a patrolman for a period of two weeks, it was his opinion that the City will greatly benefit from the good service rendered by reason of this excellent training. Chief Stroh then asked the Council that he be granted permission to send the new officer, who will replace Willard R. Barnett, to training school for a period of two weeks, beginning after July 4th.

Councilman Powell moved that Chief Stroh's suggestion be concurred in and that the request be granted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

As no bids were received for the motor generator set at the meeting of June 10th, City Engineer Jain recommended that the offer of John E. Kettler of \$1000.00 for the set be accepted, and that rental payments of \$175.00 per month be applied to the purchase price.

Councilman Jackson moved that the motor generator set be sold to Mr. Kettler for \$1000.00 and that any rental payments made be applied to the purchase price. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Clerk Bartlett informed Mr. Black that he was notifying him at this time of the action of the Council regarding the vacating of the Torrance Municipal Airport, but that he would confirm this action by letter.

Councilman Tolson moved that the City of Torrance purchase two busses as of July 1, 1947. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Councilman Powell moved that Harold G. Trezise be employed as a patrolman on probation, in the Police Department, at a salary of \$210.00 per month, effective June 16, 1947. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Wm. Murphey, Manager, Torrance Municipal Bus Lines, granted the request of the American Legion to advertise the forthcoming baseball tournament on the outside of the Municipal busses.

At 8:30 p.m., upon motion of Councilman Tolson, seconded by Councilman Powell, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.

G. H. Parker
CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:

J. Hugh Sheriff Jr.
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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